

Secondly, the language is virtually incomprehensible and I really do not think accomplishes those purposes that the majority seeks to have them accomplish.

For all those reasons, I think that the amendment should be strongly endorsed by this group. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, I would certain disagree with the minority in saying that it does not accomplish the purpose which we seek. It does accomplish the purpose which we seek; perhaps not which they seek.

The local boards that we have provided for are part of the plan as Delegate Willis has alluded to, to have a school system that is designated in basic structure and not frozen in as to function and responsibility. It is quite interesting I think to note that here the complaint is that we do not spell out enough, and in the earlier articles that we spell out too much.

The real issue is whether the boards that have been in existence since 1886 are recognized as having been around long enough to be part of a basic structure as compared to the many new organizations that we are creating in this document.

I would strongly urge that this amendment be defeated and that we maintain the type of coordinated system that has made Maryland one of the fine states in education. For that reason I ask you to support the majority and defeat the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. There are not merely the amendments of Delegate Willis, but also two other amendments by you, Delegate Wheatley and others. Would you desire to offer those now? They can be offered as perfecting amendments to section 5 before we vote on the amendment to delete, if that is your desire, or you can hold them and offer them only if amendment No. 5 is rejected, whichever you wish.

Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman, I believe the other amendment prepared by Delegate Willis and Delegate Robie.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am talking about the Amendments BJ and BI.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Just a moment. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we have two technical amendments that we would offer at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will the pages please distribute the amendments BJ and BI?

These are relatively minor amendments. The Chair would be disposed to present them both to you at the same time. In the absence of objection, I will wait until they are distributed and then we can see.

Amendment BJ will be Amendment No. 6.

Amendment BI will be Amendment No. 7.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Parliamentary inquiry. Why would not Amendment BI be one which, if it is concurred in by the majority of the Committee, be effective by interlineation?

THE CHAIRMAN: I did not understand that it was submitted in that way. We prepared it as an amendment. The Chair proposes to ask unanimous consent and if so we can move very quickly. I am only waiting for the amendment to be distributed.

The Clerk will read Amendment No. 6 and then read Amendment No. 7.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation GP-6 by Delegates Wheatley, Blair, Kirkland, Pullen, Ritter, K. L. Robie, Sosnowski, and Vecera:

On page 2, section 5 in line 16 strike out the word "board" and insert in lieu thereof the word "systems".

Amendment No. 7 to Committee Recommendation GP-6 by Delegates Wheatley, Blair, Kirkland, Pullen, K. L. Robie, Ritter, Sosnowski, and Vecera:

On page 2, section 5, on line 17 after the word "selection" add the words "other school board".

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate not have a copy of either amendment? Please indicate to the pages.

The Chair proposes to ask unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 be agreed to.

Is there any objection?

The Chair hears no objection, and Amendment No. 6 is agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Chair proposes to ask whether Amendment No. 7 will be agreed to by unanimous consent. Is there any objection?